

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 13, 2004, in which claims 16 and 17 were rejected, claims 18 and 19 were objected to, and claims 20 and 22-30 were allowed. With this Response, claim 18 has been amended and claims 16 and 17 canceled. Claims 18-20 and 22-30 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Cowger et al. (U.S. Patent no. 5,788,388).

With this amendment, claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled from the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 18 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With this Amendment, claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 18 is therefore in allowable condition, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claim 19 depends from now allowable claim 18, and is therefore also in allowable condition. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claims 20 and 22-30 have been allowed. In reviewing the file to ensure all previously entered amendments are properly reflected in the listing of claims, Applicant's below-signed attorney discovered that earlier amendments to claim 20 (filed May 15, 2002) leading to the allowance of claim 20 were unaccountably omitted from the prior listing of claims.

Accordingly, the language of claim 20 has been corrected to reflect the amendments filed May 15, 2002. Claim 20 has not been amended since May 15, 2002.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant believes independent claims 18, 20 and 26, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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